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FORMER POSTAL WORKER SENTENCED

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - Darrell Butcher, 47, of Hudson, MA, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Concord to one year of probation and six months home detention for "Obstruction of Mails Generally." Butcher pled guilty in February of this year to an information charging him with, while being a Postal Employee, and without authority, opening mail not directed to him.

The charges were a result of an investigation of Butcher that was initiated following complaints of missing incoming and outgoing mail at the Alton Woods apartment complex in Concord, which Butcher at the time was serving as a mail carrier.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "We greatly respect New Hampshire's postal workers, who work honestly and honorably under conditions that are often difficult. We owe it to them and to the public at large to enforce the law in any instance in which the public trust is violated." U.S. Attorney Colantuono commended the U.S. Postal Inspection Service on its handling of the investigation.

Butcher was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Joseph DiClerico, Jr. Assistant U. S. Attorney Alfred Rubega prosecuted this case.